

*Our intention is for the*

**FAITH COMMUNITIES  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
NETWORK**

*to reach out to*

*groups representing*

*the full range of*

*spiritual traditions*

*found on the*

*Cape & Islands,*

*giving all of us*

*the opportunity*

*to work together –*

*each of us guided by*

*our respective faith*

*commitments –*

*to protect our Earth home.*



“Religions can no longer be dismissed as irrelevant in environmental discussions, nor can they be seen as ineffective. More than 90 percent of the world's people have an affiliation with a religious community, whether nominally or in practice.... Religions are the largest nongovernmental organizations in the world....

But it is not only for pragmatic or institutional reasons that religions are important players in environmental issues. **There is moral force and spiritual energy at the heart of these traditions, which can contribute to long-term solutions to our complex environmental problems.”**

*Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim,  
Coordinators of the Forum on Religion &  
Ecology at Yale*

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*Affiliated with the*

**CAPE COD  
CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATIVE**



**A MULTI-FAITH INITIATIVE ON  
THE CAPE AND ISLANDS  
Established 2017**



**WORKING TOGETHER TO CONNECT  
FAITH & ECOLOGY AND  
TO PROTECT OUR EARTH HOME**

# FAITH COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK



## Offering Network Partners Opportunities

for exchanging information about best practices in addressing the causes and effects of climate change, through such means as:

- free energy audits of buildings
- heavily subsidized installing of LED lights and solar panels
- robust recycling programs (plastic, paper, metals, etc.)
- informative audio visuals (*A Plastic Ocean*, *Journey of the Universe*, etc.)
- effective denominational and interfaith projects (such as UU's Green Sanctuary, UCC's Green Congregation, GreenFaith, MA Interfaith Power & Light)
- Northwest Earth Institute's *Choices for Sustainable Living*
- effective worship and educational materials
- tackling systemic ecological issues with other 5Cs organizations



Network Partners will be invited to periodic events sponsored by individual faith communities and other organizations in the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative.

We will also have opportunities for digging deeper through small-group study of such important recent texts as:

Jeff Goodell, *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World* (2017)

John Grim & Mary Evelyn Tucker, *Ecology & Religion* (2014)

Richard Bauckham, *The Bible and Ecology: Rediscovering the Community of Creation* (2010)

Elizabeth Johnson, *Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love* (2014)

Pope Francis, *Encyclical on Climate Change & Inequality: On Care for our Common Home* (2015)

Larry L. Rasmussen, *Earth-Honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Key* (2013)

Jim Antal, *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change* (2018)

## CURRENT NETWORK PARTNERS

(March 2018)

Unitarian Church of Barnstable (UU)

Federated Church of Orleans (UCC)

First Parish Brewster Unitarian

Universalist

Am HaYam Cape Cod Havurah

UU Meeting House of Provincetown

South Congregational Church (UCC,  
Centerville)

St. John's Episcopal Church, Sandwich

St. David's Episcopal Church, South  
Yarmouth

**ALL faith communities are welcome!**  
**No membership fees or dues.**  
[www.FCENwebsite](http://www.FCENwebsite) (pending)

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